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Application No. : 10/613,796 Confirmation No. : 7358
First Applicant : Guy Vanney Art Unit : 3763
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Title : Steerable and shapable catheter employing fluid force
Docket No. : 001-042100US
Customer No. : 33486

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed 17 November 2004, which included a restriction and election requirement, the Applicant elects Invention II, claims 18-20 of the application as filed, for initial prosecution. The Examiner has also identified eight "patentably distinct species" of the claimed invention. The Applicant elects specie (6) identified by the Examiner, which is depicted in Figs. 17A, 17B, and 18, for initial prosecution. The Applicant makes this election without traverse. Claims 1-17 have been withdrawn from consideration. A full listing of the claims in view of this election is presented below on pages 2-4 with a few amendments to correct typographical errors. A petition for a one-month extension of time to reply is enclosed.

If the Examiner has any additional questions, she is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney. Respectfully submitted this 18th day of January, 2005.

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